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the payment of a grant to the Catholic Hostel for the students of the Law College.

15. *Education.*—The allotment proposed for the next year is Rs. 47·49 lakhs which is Rs 1·64 lakhs more than what is expected to be spent this year. The increase is shared mostly by Collegiate Education (·33), English School Education (·37), Vernacular School Education (·58) and Miscellaneous (·25).

An Education Reforms Committee was constituted this year with Mr. R. M. Statham as President to enquire into the present educational system in the State and to advise Government as to the reforms to be effected in it. The Committee have already completed their sittings and the report has just been received. Provision has been made for the appointment of two additional Junior Lecturers, one for Physics and the other for Chemistry, in the College for Women, as it was found necessary to divide the students in the Intermediate classes into 2 batches for the purpose of lectures and practical work. Provision has also been made for the entertainment of one graduate and one under-graduate woman teacher in the English High School for Girls, Trivandrum, consequent on the opening of additional divisions in the 2nd and 4th forms. A lump provision of Rs 7,000 has been made for the appointment of additional teachers in Vernacular Schools. Provision is also made for the continuance during 1109 of the temporary staff in the offices of the Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools and of the ten graduate teachers for the English Schools for Boys. There was much difficulty for Travancore students to get admission to the Engineering College, Madras. The Madras Government have now agreed to reserve for Travancore students four seats in the Engineer class and an equal number of seats in the Subordinate class on payment of a contribution of Rs 800 per annum for the training of each student in the Engineer class and Rs 600 each per annum for the Subordinate class. The selected students will not have to pay any fees to the College, but an amount equal to the College fees will have to be paid to this Government. An allotment of Rs 13,436 for two batches of students, one selected this year and the other to be selected next year, has been provided under Education—Miscellaneous. The contribution of Rs 12,215 payable to the Madras Government for the reservation of seats in the Medical College has also been provided for in the Education budget instead of in the Medical budget. The usual payment of Rs 10,189 to the Benares Hindu University has also been provided for.

16. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—The maintenance of the Cattle Farm at Perurkada and payment of grants to private agencies for the upkeep of seed bulls have served to bring about some improvement in the breed of cattle in the State. It is considered that the addition of a fresh stock of bulls of pure breed to the Cattle Farm would enable the Farm to function better in this direction. A lump provision of Rs 3,000 has therefore been made in the budget for the next year. The post of the Assistant Director is proposed to be abolished when it

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falls permanently vacant. Provision is made for the next year for the continuance of the Agricultural Schools at Kottarakara and Koni and for the continuance of the temporary staff engaged in carrying on intensive propaganda work in the taluks of Neyyattinkara, Mavelikara and Tiruvalla. With a view to encourage private enterprise in the matter of agricultural education, Government have recently passed a set of rules for the award of grants-in-aid to private agricultural schools and provision has been made therefor. Travancore with its long coast line has considerable possibilities for the development of fish industry. This industry, if properly organised, is likely to contribute substantially to the wealth of the State. Even with the primitive methods of fishing, the value of fish products exported from Travancore every year amounts to nearly Rs 40 lakhs. The department could be made to do more useful work to the public, especially to those engaged in fish industry, if an expert could be appointed with up-to-date knowledge of the principles and methods of developing the industry on scientific lines. It is therefore proposed to depute one of the Fishery Inspectors of the department to undergo an advance course of training in Fisheries in the College of Fishery attached to the University of Washington, in America. Provision has accordingly been made in the next year's budget for the grant of study leave and lodging allowances to one of the Fishery Inspectors. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Fishery School for Arayas, Alleppey (since shifted to Karunagapalli), and for the temporary staff at Kumarakam for petrol work in the Vembanad lake. A new fish-curing yard has been opened at Kakkazham and a new Veterinary dispensary is also proposed to be opened at Parur.

17. *Industries.*—With a view to widen the activities of the department so that it may be made more useful to the public, an allotment of Rs 1·66 lakhs has been provided for the next year as against the expected expenditure of Rs 1·47 lakhs in the current year, in addition to a provision of Rs ·25 of a lakh under Debt Head Advances.

Sales Depot.—The Sales Depot at Trivandrum was opened on 10th Makaram 1108 and has been functioning as a medium of advertisement for the industrial products of the State and also as an agency for their sale. A commission of 6¼ per cent. for the articles received for sale from the Government institutions and 12½ per cent. for those received from private persons is realised on all sales effected by the Depot. A sum of Rs 10,000 is provided under "Debt Head-Advances" for 1109 to serve as a working capital for the Depot. A temporary Sales Depot was opened at Ooty in Medom last, on lines similar to those of the one at Trivandrum and it has been very successful in popularising our industrial products in British India.

(i) *Dyeing and Printing.*—The plant and machinery required for this section are being got down and the work will be started soon. With a view to popularise the industry among the rural population, it is proposed to grant stipends at Rs 5 each per

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